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FOR THE SECRETARY AND ASST SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMB GATES

E.O 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CH US

SUBJ: VOA BROADCASTS TO CHINA

1. WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE VOICE  
OF AMERICA BROADCASTS TO CHINA. ON APRIL 13 VOA REPORTING  
ON THE BRADEMAs DELEGATION'S PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTED  
BRADEMAs AS SAYING THAT "THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT ON A  
NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA ON TAIWAN" (SEE STATE 087689 FOR TEXT OF VOA'S  
BROADCAST). THE ZREPUBLIC OF CHINA" PHRASE WAS  
HARPED UPON BY NANCY TANG DURING THE BRADEMAs RETURN BANQUET, AS  
WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. BRADEMAs  
DID NOT USE IT (WE LISTENED TO REUTERS TAPE AND  
BRADEMAs HANDLED PRESS QUESTIONS VERY WELL INDEED),  
NOR DID AFP. VOA APPARENTLY INSERTED "REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA ON TAIWAN" ITSELF AND THEREBY CAUSED A FORMAL  
DEMARCHE BY THE CHINESE WHICH BRADEMAs INDIGNANTLY  
(AND CORRECTLY) DENIED. THIS TYPE OF INACCURATE  
REPORTING IS DETRIMENTAL TO U.S. INTERESTS. IF I  
WERE BRADEMAs I WOULD TELL VOA WHAT I THOUGHT OF THEIR  
ADDING THEIR OWN WORDS TO WHAT WAS ACTUALLY SAID,

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ESPECIALLY ON SUCH A SENSITIVE SUBJECT. I HOPE YOU  
WILL BRING THIS MATTER TO VOA'S ATTENTION.

2. I REALIZE THAT PART OF THIS ISSUE IS VOA'S  
CONTENTION THAT IT IS A FREE NEWS REPORTING AGENCY  
REPORTING EVENTS AS THEY HAPPEN. PRC GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, TREAT VOA AS THE OFFICIAL VOICE  
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE BEEN  
UNABLE TO PERSUADE THEM TO TOE CONTRARY.

3. WHILE I AM ON THE SUBJECT, I WAS DISTRESSED TO  
HEAR VOA'S BROADCAST THIS MORNING. IT SAID  
THAT ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION  
SOURCES, LEONARD WOODCOCK HAD BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF  
OF THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING AND WOULD  
REPLACE ME. SINCE WE HAVE JUST ASKED THE CHINESE  
FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE AND HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED  
THEIR REPLY, I WONDER HOW THEY ARE RECEIVING THIS  
"OFFICIAL" VOA ANNOUNCEMENT. THE SAME BROADCAST  
SAID THAT WE WERE USING SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY TO  
MONITOR PRC AGRICULTURAL CROPS. I'M SURE THE  
CHINESE WILL BE AS DELIGHTED AS I WAS TO HEAR  
THIS NEWS.

4. FINALLY, THERE HAS BEEN A RECORD OF SIMILAR  
INSTANCES DURING THE YEAR I HAV BEEN HERE OF CARE-  
LESSNESS IN REPORTING ON THE PART OF VOA AND THIS  
IS NOT JUST A RECENT DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE CONSTANTLY  
HAVING TO DENY EITHER THE ACCURACY OF VOA'S RPORTING,  
OR THE INTERPRETATION VOA MAKES OF DEVELOPMENTS  
IN CHINA, TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATS HERE.  
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